

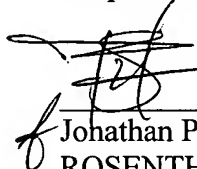
REMARKS

The specification has been amended to correct minor typographical errors. Figure 6 has been amended to correct an errant lead line. The claims have been amended solely to change dependencies and to conform to amendments and elections made in the parent application to this application. These amendments are fully supported by the original specification. No new matter has been entered by these amendments. The claims amendments are not made in view of prior art.

Early favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If any issues arise in connection with this amendment, do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 10122.005002).

Date: 12/31/03

Respectfully submitted,

 #45,079

Jonathan P. Osha, Reg. No. 33,986
ROSENTHAL & OSHA L.L.P.
1221 McKinney, Suite 2800
Houston, Texas 77010
Telephone: (713) 228-8600
Facsimile: (713) 228-8778